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### REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 37 remain in the application.

The examiner imposes a restriction requirement between the inventions of:

- I. Claims 1-9, 10-13, and 14-23, drawn to encapsulated magnet, classified in 335/294;
- II. Claims 24-28, drawn to method of encapsulating, classified in 264/611;
- III. Claims 29-32, drawn to plasma process reactor, classified in 204/192.3; and
- IV. Claims 33-36, drawing to stamping method, classified in 101/32.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-23. The claims of Group IV are withdrawn pending allowance of their parent product claims and will be rejoined at that time. However, claim 36 is canceled in view of economy.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement between Groups I, II and III.

As for the restriction between the apparatus of Group I and the method of Group II, the claimed method closely follows the apparatus claims. The examiner states that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. This statement is not understood since the claimed apparatus may be the product of the claimed process. The claimed apparatus does not practice any process related to the claimed process. The examiner further provides no example of the materially different process.

As for the restriction between the encapsulated magnet claims of Group I and the reactor claims of Group III, two-way distinct does not apply. The reactor claims of Group III require an encapsulated magnet included within the Group I. To make the point, a new claim 37 dependent from claim 10 included within Group I and requiring all its restrictions is surely within the same inventive group as claim 29 of the proposed Group III.

The examiner further imposes a requirement of election of species between:

Species 1: figures 4-7;

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Species 2: figure 10;  
Species 3, figure 11;  
Species 4: figure 13; and  
Species 5: figure 14.

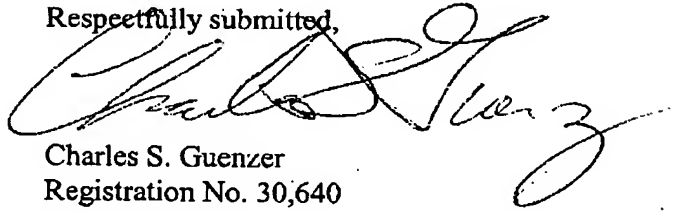
Applicants elect Species 1 of figures 4-7. Applicants believe that claims 1-5, 7-12, and 14-36 encompass the elected species.

The dependencies of several claims have been changed to broaden them.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, consideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number, which is on California time.

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